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BALTIMORE--A FEDERAL COURT JUDGE TODAY DEFERRED UNTIL THE LAST WEEK IN AUGUST FURTHER ACTION IN A \$110,000 SLANDER SUIT FILED AGAINST AN ADMITTED AGENT OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) WHO SPREAD A STORY THAT ANOTHER MAN WAS A "SOVIET INTELLIGENCE OPERATIVE."

CHIEF JUDGE ROSZEL THOMSEN GAVE THE LAWYERS FOR JURY RAUS, 39, OF HYATTSVILLE, MD., THE CIA MAN, UNTIL MAY 23 TO FILE A BRIEF ON THE "SCOPE OF PERMISSIVE ACTIVITIES" OF THE CIA IN THE UNITED STATES.

JUDGE THOMSEN GAVE ATTORNEYS FOR ESTONIAN-BORN CANADIAN EERIK KEINE, 46, WHO FILED THE SUIT, UNTIL JUNE 23 TO STATE THEIR POSITION ON THE BRIEF. THE JUDGE SET THE LAST WEEK IN AUGUST TO DECIDE WHAT FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN.

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